

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims **103**, **104** and **113** without prejudice.

Please substitute the following claims for the pending claims with the same number:

1. - 62. (canceled)

63. (currently amended) A calendar-based asset organizer, implemented by instructions of a computer program stored on a computer readable storage medium, the medium comprising:

instructions for a digital asset manager, for receiving a search query for digital assets, and for returning a result set of identifiers for a plurality of digital assets that satisfy the query, wherein each asset in the result set has a date&time associated therewith; and

instructions for a user interface, communicatively coupled with the digital asset manager, (i) for issuing the search query to the digital asset manager, (ii) for receiving the result set of the search query from the digital asset manager, (iii) for presenting a calendar view of the result set wherein years, months and days between the earliest and latest date× associated with assets in the result set are represented by cells, the cells being of uniform size and sorted by time, each cell having a display background comprising a representation of an asset in the result set whose associated date&time lies within the cell's date&time range, the calendar view comprising (a) a year view displaying one year per cell, and indicating the number of assets in the result set that have associated date× within each year, for each of the displayed years, (b) a month view displaying one month per cell, and indicating the number of assets in the

result set that have associated date× within each month, for each of the displayed months, and (c) a day view displaying one day per cell, and indicating the number of assets in the result set that have associated date× within each day, for each of the displayed days, and (iv) for switching the calendar view between year view, month view and day view,

wherein (1) selecting a cell for a specific year within the year view serves to display representations of the assets in the result set that have associated date× within the specific year, (2) selecting a cell for a specific month within the month view serves to display representations of the assets in the result set that have associated date× within the specific month, [[and]] (3) selecting a cell for a specific day within the day view serves to display representations of the assets in the result set that have date× within the specific day, and (4) right-clicking on a cell within the year view serves to display a pop-up window displaying months within the year, and to display the number of assets in the result set that have associated date× within each month, for each of the displayed months.

.64. (previously presented) The medium containing the calendar-based asset organizer of claim 63, wherein the date&time associated with an asset is a date&time stored by an asset capture device within a file header of a file containing the asset.

65. – 67. (canceled)

68. (previously presented) The medium containing the calendar-based asset organizer of claim 63, wherein the date&time associated with an asset is a date&time entered manually by a user.

69, - 77, (canceled)

78. (previously presented) The medium containing the calendar-based digital asset organizer of claim 63, wherein the assets are image collections comprising a plurality of individual image assets that are aggregated together, and wherein the date&time associated with an image collection is the earliest of the date× associated with the individual image assets in the collection.

79. – 81. (canceled)

82. (currently amended) A method for organizing assets, comprising:

- issuing a search query for digital assets;
- receiving a result set of identifiers for a plurality of digital assets that satisfy the search query, wherein each asset in the result set has a date&time associated therewith;

presenting a calendar view of the result set wherein years, months and days between the earliest and latest date× associated with assets in the result set are represented by cells, the cells being of uniform size and sorted by time, each cell having a display background comprising a representation of an asset in the result set whose associated date&time lies within the cell's date&time range, the calendar view comprising (a) a year view displaying one year per cell, and indicating the number of assets in the result set that have associated date× within each year, for each of the displayed years, (b) a month view displaying one month per cell, and indicating the number of assets in the result set that have associated date× within each month, for each of the displayed months, and (c) a day view displaying one day per cell, and

indicating the number of assets in the result set that have associated date× within each day, for each of the displayed days; and

switching the calendar view between year view, month view and day view,

wherein (1) selecting a cell for a specific year within the year view serves to display representations of the assets in the result set that have associated date× within the specific year, (2) selecting a cell for a specific month within the month view serves to display representations of the assets in the result set that have associated date× within the specific month, (3) selecting a cell for a specific day within the day view serves to display representations of the assets in the result set that have associated date× within the specific day, and (4) right-clicking on a cell within the year view serves to display a pop-up window displaying months within the year, and to display the number of assets in the result set that have associated date× within each month, for each of the displayed months.

83. – 92. (canceled)

93. (previously presented) The method of claim 82 wherein the assets are image collections comprising a plurality of individual image assets that are aggregated together, and wherein the date&time associated with an image collection is the earliest of the date× associated with individual image assets in the collection.

94. – 96. (canceled)

97. (previously presented) The medium containing the calendar-based asset organizer of claim 63, wherein the representations of the assets are thumbnail image representations.

98. (previously presented) The medium containing the calendar-based asset organizer of claim 63, wherein selection of a plurality of cells serves to display representations of the assets in the result set that have associated date× within any of the selected cells' date&time ranges.

99. (currently amended) The medium containing the calendar-based asset organizer of claim 63, wherein [(4)] (5) each cell within the month view comprises sub-cells corresponding to days within that month, and wherein selecting at least one sub-cell within the month view cell serves to display representations of the assets in the result set that have date× within the corresponding at least one day, and [(5)] (6) each cell within the day view comprises sub-cells corresponding to hours within that day, and wherein selecting at least one sub-cell within the day view serves to display representations of the assets in the result set that have date× within the corresponding at least one hour.

100. (previously presented) The medium containing the calendar-based asset organizer of claim 99, wherein day-of-the-week labels are displayed within each sub-cell of the month view, and selecting a day-of-the-week label serves to select all sub-cells within the month having their day of the week the same as the label day of the week.

101. (previously presented) The medium containing the calendar-based asset organizer of claim 63, wherein double-clicking on a cell within the year view serves to activate the month view, and double-clicking on a cell within the month view serves to activate the day view.

102. (previously presented) The medium containing the calendar-based asset organizer of claim 63, further comprising instructions for deselecting a currently selected cell in the calendar view, and selecting the next or the previous cell whose associated date&time range includes a date&time associated with at least one of the assets in the result set.

103. – 104. (canceled)

105. (previously presented) The medium containing the calendar-based asset organizer of claim 63, wherein the user interface further presents a list of assets in the result set, and wherein selecting at least one asset in the list serves to visually mark cells in the calendar view that have date&time ranges that include a date&time associated with the selected at least one asset.

106. (previously presented) The medium containing the calendar-based asset organizer of claim 63, wherein the user interface further presents a list of assets in the result set, and wherein hovering a mouse cursor over a cell in the calendar view serves to highlight assets in the list having associated date× within the cell's date&time range.

107. (previously presented) The medium containing the calendar-based asset organizer of claim **63**, wherein at least one additional search criterion is received, and wherein the user interface makes the display of at least one cell dependent upon results obtained by the digital asset manager for a second search query, the second search query using the at least one additional search criterion and being performed on the subset of assets having associated date× within the cell's date&time range.

108. (previously presented) The method of claim **82**, wherein the representations of the assets are thumbnail image representations.

109. (previously presented) The method of claim **82**, wherein selection of a plurality of cells serves to display representations of the assets in the result set that have associated date× within any of the selected cells' date&time ranges.

110. (currently amended) The method of claim **82**, wherein ~~[[(4)]]~~ (5) each cell within the month view comprises sub-cells corresponding to days within that month, and wherein selecting at least one sub-cell within the month view serves to display representations of the assets in the result set that have date× within the corresponding at least one day, and ~~[[(5)]]~~ (6) each cell within the day view comprises sub-cells corresponding to hours within that day, and wherein selecting at least one sub-cell within the day view serves to display representations of the assets in the result set that have date× within the corresponding at least one hour.

111. (previously presented) The method of claim 82, wherein double-clicking on a cell within the year view serves to activate the month view, and double-clicking on a cell within the month view serves to activate the day view.

112. (previously presented) The method of claim 82, wherein said presenting further comprises:

deselecting a currently selected cell in the calendar view; and

selecting the next or the previous cell whose associated date&time range includes a date&time associated with at least one of the assets in the result set.

113. (canceled)

114. (previously presented) The method of claim 82, wherein said presenting further comprises presenting a list of assets in the result set, and wherein selecting at least one asset in the list serves to visually mark cells in the calendar view that have date&time ranges that include a date&time associated with the selected at least one asset.

115. (previously presented) The method of claim 82, wherein said presenting further comprises presenting a list of assets in the result set, and wherein hovering a mouse cursor over a cell in the calendar view serves to highlight assets in the list having associated date× within the cell's date&time range.